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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
10 AT TACOMA

11 STEPHANIE TAYLOR, *et al.*,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
15 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE YOUTH
16 AND FAMILY SERVICES - FAR AND
17 CPS DEPARTMENT, *et al.*,

18 Defendants.

19 CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01869-RAJ-JRC

20 SCHEDULING ORDER

21 This 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights matter has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate
22 Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 636 (b)(1)(A) and (B) and MJR 1, 3, and 4.

23 The Court has reviewed the parties' Joint Status Report. *See* Dkt. 38. A trial date will be
24 set by the assigned District Judge, the Honorable Richard A. Jones, if the case is not resolved by
settlement or dispositive motion. The Court sets the following pretrial schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for joining additional parties	April 17, 2020

1	Deadline for amending pleadings	May 1, 2020
2	Plaintiff's expert disclosures under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("Fed. R. Civ. P") 26(a)(2)	March 5, 2021
3	Defendant's expert disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	March 19, 2021
4	Rebuttal expert disclosures	April 2, 2021
5	All motions related to discovery must be noted on the motion calendar no later than the Friday before discovery closes pursuant to LCR 7(d) and LCR 37(a)(2)	
6	Discovery completed by	June 14, 2021
7	All dispositive motions must be filed by (see LCR 7(d))	July 14, 2021

This order sets firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not by agreement of counsel for the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon good cause shown. Failure to complete discovery within the time allowed is not recognized as good cause. If any of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a weekend or federal holiday, the act or event shall be performed on the next business day.

Counsel are directed to review Judge Jones' Chambers Procedures at
<http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/jones-procedures>. Counsel are expected to abide by the requirements set forth therein. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions.

Links to Local Rules, Electronic Filing Procedures for Civil and Criminal Cases, court forms, instruction sheets, and General Orders, can be found on the Court's website at www.wawd.uscourts.gov.

Discovery

As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by agreement if possible. Counsel shall also cooperate in preparing the agreed pretrial order in the format

1 required by LCR 16.1. The parties shall comply with Judge Jones' chambers procedures
2 regarding discovery disputes.

3 **Alterations to Filing Procedures**

4 Counsel are required to electronically file all documents with the Court. Information and
5 procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western District of Washington's website at
6 <http://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/cmecf>. The following alteration to the Filing
7 Procedures applies in all cases pending before Judge Jones:

8 1. Mandatory chambers copies are required for all e-filed motions, responses,
9 replies, and surreplies, and all supporting documentation relating to motions, regardless of page
10 length.

11 The paper copy of the documents (with tabs or other organizing aids as necessary) shall
12 be delivered to the Clerk's Office by 12:00 p.m. on the business day after filing. The chambers
13 copy must be clearly marked with the words "Courtesy Copy of Electronic Filing for Chambers."
14 The parties are required to print all courtesy copies from CM/ECF using the "Include headers
15 when displaying PDF documents" feature under "Document Options." This requirement does
16 not apply to pleadings filed under seal.

17 **Miscellaneous Matters**

18 The Court has considered plaintiffs' request for discovery phasing in this matter. *See*
19 Dkt. 38, at 2. However, discovery phasing is not appropriate in this case at present. Plaintiffs
20 fail to point to any particular consideration mitigating in favor of phased discovery beyond the
21 "complexity" of this case. *Id.* This case is not complex enough to warrant phasing discovery.
22 Nor does Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1) "require" discovery phasing, as plaintiffs assert. *Id.*

1 Plaintiffs also appear to request relief not appropriate in a joint status report. *See* Local
2 Civil Rule 16(a)(2). For instance, they appear to request a Court Order for defendants “to make
3 reasonable accommodations for [p]laintiffs under Federal Rule [of Civil Procedure] 34 to gain
4 access to Copies of Electronically Stored Information relevant to their case.” Dkt. 38, at 4. The
5 Court will not rule on this request because the Court will not intervene in discovery matters until
6 there has been a proper request and attempt to meet and confer before seeking Court resolution
7 of a potential discovery dispute. *See, e.g.*, Local Civil Rules 26(f)(3), 37(a)(1).

8 **Settlement**

9 If this case settles, Deputy Clerk Kelly Miller, at Kelly_Miller@wawd.uscourts.gov, shall
10 be notified as soon as possible. Pursuant to LCR 11(b), an attorney who fails to give the Deputy
11 Clerk prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the Court deems
12 appropriate.

13 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to all parties of record.

14 Dated this 14th day of April, 2020.

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18 J. Richard Creatura
United States Magistrate Judge